

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
The following was the range of the thermometer yesterday at the Times office:
9 A. M. 45; 12 M. 48; 3 P. M. 50; 6 P. M. 45;
9 P. M. 42; 12 M. 46. Average temperature, 45.5.

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THE MEETING OF THE DAUGHTERS

Their Labor of Love Begun Yesterday.

THE VIRGINIA'S SHAFT

This Interesting Relic Presented to the Confederate Museum.

SOCIAL FEATURES OF THE DAY.

An Elegant Luncheon Served at the Jefferson—The Virginia Division Meets This Morning—A Reception to Take Place at the Executive Mansion To-Night.

The Daughters of the Confederacy yesterday began their labor of love, which will continue for a week, business sessions and hours of recreation alternating. Already many distinguished visitors have arrived, and many more will be here tomorrow when the United Daughters of the Confederacy of the South begin their sessions at the Jefferson Hotel.

Yesterday was mostly given up to preparation for the events of today, tomorrow, and the rest of the week, although there were several pretty social functions.

An impressive ceremony, and one largely attended, was the presentation to the Confederate Museum yesterday afternoon of the shaft of the Confederate ironclad Virginia. Later in the afternoon an elegant luncheon was served at the Jefferson Hotel.

RECEIVED CREDENTIALS.
Last night delegates to the Grand Division of Virginia assembled at Lee Camp Hall and received their credentials from a committee consisting of Messdames James Mercer Garnett, Robert T. Meade, and Virginia Hall.

At 10 o'clock this morning the Virginia Division of the D. C. will meet at Lee Camp Hall, being called to order by Mrs. S. Thomas McCulloch, and prayer will be offered by Rev. James Power Smith.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Mrs. N. V. Randolph, president of the Richmond Chapter, and the responses will be made by Mrs. James Mercer Garnett.

The day will be given up to business, and to-night a reception will be attended at the Executive Mansion between the hours of 4 and 10 o'clock.

UNVEILING THE TABLETS.
To-morrow one of the most important events of the meeting will take place, the unveiling of the tablets in St. Paul's church to the memory of Winfield Davis and the other children of President and Mrs. Davis.

The services will be conducted by the Right Rev. George W. Perkins, Bishop of West Virginia, assisted by the Rev. Landon R. Mason, Jefferson Hayes Davis will unveil the tablets. The musical programme will be as follows:

Professional—Hymn 13, "For all the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest," (Hymn).

Morning Prayer.
Gloria, Exultate Domini (Mornington).
Venite, Domine (Mornington).
Te Deum Laudamus (Mornington).
Jubilate Deo (Mornington).
Hymn 34, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," (Mason).

Sermon.
Unveiling of the memorial tablets, during which "President Jefferson Davis Funeral March" will be performed by Mr. Jacob Tenhardt, the name that was rendered by the St. Paul's band at the unveiling of the tablets in St. Paul's church to the memory of Winfield Davis and the other children of President and Mrs. Davis.

Reception—Hymn 49, "I Heard a Sound of Voices Around the Great White Throne," (Dr. Carmichael).
The body of the church will be reserved for the regents, Daughters of the Confederacy, and visiting delegates, who will be in attendance upon the meeting in this city, and all Confederate organizations and societies are requested also to send a committee of representation.

UNITED DAUGHTERS.
The sixth annual session of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will open at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the Jefferson, and some very important questions will come before the body. The most important will be whether the Daughters shall undertake the task of raising money to erect the monument to President Davis in Monroe Park. It is confidently believed that they will decide in the affirmative.

The regents and vice-regents of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society held their second annual meeting at the Confederate Museum yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. It was the source of much regret that the President, Mr. Joseph Bryan, owing to a recent bereavement, was unable to be present. Her beautiful address of welcome was read in a most charming manner by Mrs. E. C. Minor, who presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Anne Wright Duncan, of Mississippi, responded most gracefully.

The reports of the various committees were read and accepted with great enthusiasm.

The reports of the regents and vice-regents were read as follows:

South Carolina, Mrs. Gibbs read the regent's report; the vice-regent was read by Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Mississippi, regent, Mrs. Anne Wright Duncan; vice-regent, Mrs. J. R. McIntosh.

Florida, regent, Mrs. F. P. Fleming; vice-regent, Mrs. Dyer, of Florida.

Alabama, regent, Mrs. Annie Harrison; vice-regent, Mrs. J. H. Drake.

Georgia, regent, Mrs. R. B. Park; vice-regent, Mrs. Styles.

Louisiana, in the absence of the regent, the vice-regent, Mrs. George Wayne Anderson, read the report. The vice-regent, Mrs. J. W. Gordon, read the report.

Texas, regent, Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone; vice-regent, report read by Mrs. C. McLeod.

Virginia, vice-regent's report read by Mrs. J. R. Lightfoot, alternate.

Arkansas, vice-regent's report by Mrs. Decatur Axtell.

North Carolina, regent absent, vice-regent's report read by Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

Tennessee, regent absent, vice-regent's report read by Mrs. N. V. Randolph.

Missouri, regent's report by Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

Kentucky, regent's report by Mrs. N. G. Gray; vice-regent's report by Mrs. Harris.

Maryland, regent's report read by Mrs. William Bell; vice-regent's report by Mrs. C. B. Cowardin.

Solid South report, by Miss Minnie Baughman.

A beautiful address, written by Mrs.

THE VIRGINIA'S SHAFT.

An Impressive Ceremony at the Confederate Museum.

The business meeting was just concluded in time for the presentation of the section of the shaft of the Confederate ironclad Virginia to the Museum.

The brass plate, made to be placed on the shaft, contained errors and it will be replaced by one bearing an inscription.

"Section of the propeller shaft of the famous ironclad Virginia (Merrimack), an essential portion of the machinery furnishing motive power for the ship in her engagement in Hampton Roads, when she, under command of Admiral Franklin Buchanan, in company with her tenders, the Beaufort, Raleigh, Patrick Henry, Jamestown and Fraser, destroyed the United States Frigate Congress and Cumberland and crippled and scattered the remainder of the fleet March 8th, A. D. 1862, and the next day, under the command of Lieutenant Catesby, A. P. R. Jones (Buchanan having been wounded), she engaged the U. S. ironclad Monitor in close combat about four hours. During this engagement the Monitor twice withdrew from the action, the last withdrawal being to avoid water where the Virginia could not follow, and the Virginia after waiting due time for a renewal of the action, returned to Norfolk, and again April 10th and May 8th, A. D. 1862, under command of Commander Josiah Tattnall, offered battle to the U. S. fleet, including the Monitor, two other ironclads and several monitors, which was declined."

"Tablet contributed by the Franklin Buchanan Camp, U. S. V., No. 74, Baltimore, Md."

"The shaft is in the rear of the Museum and rests on two granite bases, each of which supports a dial. The shaft has been painted to preserve it. Around the dial this morning were a score or more Confederate flags."

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ARE NEARING AN AGREEMENT

The Samoan Question is Practically Settled and the Finalities Will Soon be Concluded.

LONDON, Nov. 6.—Although the exact terms of the agreement are still carefully guarded, the Associated Press is able to say that the Samoan question is practically settled and that the finalities will take place within a few days unless some unexpected hitch occurs.

FOREIGN OFFICE MUTE.
It can be said that American control of Tutuila Island is confirmed and agreed to, while the United States has it is understood, signified its approval of the projected arrangements between Germany and Great Britain. Regarding the details of the latter, the British Foreign Office remains mute, except to authorize the statements that none of the recent surmises of the German press have been rectified, the plan, which now seems sure of acceptance.

It is also emphatically denied that the United States has been in any way neglected in the negotiations.

It is pointed out that the United States, having secured Tutuila Island, obtained all she expected or desired, and that the United States has been kept conversant with and always consulted about the negotiations which proceeded between Germany and Great Britain.

MUCH SURPRISE.
Last week it was believed that an impasse had been reached, and the diplomats were inclined to fear that no settlement was attainable in the near future. This sudden turn in the negotiations and the overcoming of the apparently insurmountable obstacles created almost as much surprise as gratification. Of course, it is still within the limits of possibility that another and entirely unexpected contingency may arise during the interim of the drawing up of the papers and the signing of them, but there is every reason to believe that an official statement will be given out this week announcing the terms of the settlement of this long standing international difficulty.

An Assignment.
SUFFOLK, Va., Nov. 6.—Special.—D. Plinberg, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Dean, Va., assigned today. Among the preferred creditors is J. E. Spelman, trading as the Baltimore Bargain House, for \$125. The assets are small.

Large Deal in Gold Lands.
ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 6.—A special to the Journal from Chattanooga, says: "A large English syndicate has just closed a deal buying 8,000 acres of gold land in North Georgia from the Dahlonega Consolidated Gold Mining Company, whose headquarters is in this city. They will develop the property."

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AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT

Has Been Established in Island of Negroes.

NATIVES OF ISLAND

Attended Ceremony and American Flags Were Displayed.

THERE WERE FORTY CANDIDATES

For Office and 5,258 Votes Were Cast. Melicio Severino Elected Governor—Suffrage Being Determined by Property and Educational Qualifications.

MANILA, Nov. 6.—11:15 P. M.—At Bacolor, in the island of Negros, the first autonomous government of the Philippines was established to-day. General Smith, governor of the island of Negros, administered the oath of office to the judge of the supreme court, who in turn swore in the governor, three judges, twelve councilmen, the auditor and the secretary of the interior. The natives of the entire island attended

the ceremony. The officers from Holo were also present. Three days' feasting will follow in celebration of the new government and the first anniversary of the surrender of the Spaniards to the Negro revolutionists.

American flags are displayed in the village. The celebration consisted of horse racing and other sports, music, religious functions and an illumination.

The hall to-night in the Government House attracted the wives of the wealthy planters and there was as great display of rich costumes and costly jewels as would be seen at a similar affair in America or Europe.

GOVERNOR ELECTED.
Elections were held October 20, the number of votes being 5,258. There were forty candidates for the various offices. Melicio Severino was elected governor, receiving 1,295 votes. Suffrage was determined by property qualifications and ability to read and write.

Colonel Minor welcomed the officials on behalf of the United States. In the course of his remarks he said:

"Negro leads in the van of civil government in the Philippines. Your honor lies in adding a new star to freedom's flag."

General Smith, during a speech which he delivered said:

"Your future promises as brightly as Japan's, who to-day is recognized as among the civilized nations of the world."

Senator Severino in reply said that the best thing for the future of Negros was the continuance of close relations with the United States.

FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS.
General Smith then announced the granting of freedom to the political prisoners in commemoration of the event.

General Hughes in command at Holo, telephoned a congratulatory speech over the Eastern Cable from that place.

General Smith in an interview remarked that it was of the utmost importance that the Philippines should be taught to recognize the sovereignty of the United States. The gravest danger, he added, threatening a peaceful administration, is intrigue among the insular politicians and he declared the United States government must, for years, keep control of the Philippines in order to prevent such conditions from existing.

The members of the Sixth Infantry, which is divided into thirty garrisons throughout the island of Negros, are undergoing ground drills.

A recently organized revolutionary movement has been discovered in Northern Negros, and the leaders have been forced to withdraw to Panay. A number of bands, under the leadership of Papa Isin, a religious Christian, have been driven into the mountains, but it is expected that they will give more trouble. A force of 20 native soldiers, armed with Springfield rifles, are being the Americans and are found to be valuable as scouts.

General Lawton's operations have been temporarily suspended, owing to heavy rains. The country around Cabanatuan is flooded. The river, however, has begun falling rapidly and probably the country in that section will soon resume its normal condition.

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STILL FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH

Heavy Fighting Occurred There on Thursday.

BRITISH DROVE BOERS

Back to Their Camp With a Loss of 800 Men in Killed, Wounded and Captured

THE COLOSO GARRISON SAVED ALL THE STORES, TENTS, &c.—The Attacking Boers Numbered Five Thousand Fresh Troops From the Orange Free State.

ESTCOURT, NATAL, Saturday, Nov. 4.—A reliable messenger has just arrived from Ladysmith, passing the Boer lines during the night, who reports that heavy fighting occurred on Thursday around Ladysmith. The hottest engagement was on George Tatham's farm, on the Orange Free State side of Beers, where the Boers suffered a loss of 800 men, killed, wounded and captured. The fighting was resumed yesterday (Friday), the Boers firing from Nodwathana Hill, near Poppoort's farm. Again they were driven back with losses on their camp.

A large Boer force, with artillery, under John Wessels, has taken up a position on the left of Beers, locating on the Woodhouse, Pleschons and Langvach farms, facing Beers, and a small commando is now encamped on the south side of Pieter's Station, commanding the railroad. The Boers have taken up the culture of the railroad near Pieter's Station, and have burned the wooden portion. No damage has yet been done at Colenso.

BRIDGES INTACT.
The houses, stores, railroad and iron bridges remain intact. The messenger said he heard the Boers would be in Colenso to-day, and that the volunteers were leaving.

Much regret is felt at the unnecessary alarm being created at Ladysmith when there is no need for it. The Natal Naval Corps with guns will return to Mariburg to-day to reassure the inhabitants.

SAVED STORES.
DURBAN, NATAL, Nov. 3.—(Evening)—(Delayed in transmission.)—It is said that the Colenso garrison saved all the stores, tents, kits, etc. The Boers numbered about 5,000 men, comprising a fresh corps of the Orange Free State.

The armed train did splendid service, taking a detachment of the Dublin Fusiliers to relieve an outlying fort, garrisoned by volunteers.

Boasting reports have been received regarding the position at Pietermaritzburg.

NO FURTHER NEWS.
LONDON, Nov. 6.—The officials of the British War Office when shown the dispatch from Durban of November 3d, said they had no further news regarding the military situation in Natal, but thought no undue significance should be attached to the concluding phrase. They could not say whether the railroad to Ladysmith was intact, but they admitted that Ladysmith is now completely surrounded.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Nov. 6.—A proclamation has been issued declaring that the Orange Free State proclamation, announcing the annexation of the Upper Tugela District, dated Friday evening, is null and void.

The Rifle Associations of Durban, Isipingo, Kromskloof, Malvern and the Natal Coast have been called out. An irregular force is also being formed.

THREATENED UPRISING.
CAPE TOWN, Nov. 6.—A dispatch from Massey's Bulletin dated Friday evening, says that since Magistrate Lagden's warning that their interference with the Basutos would cause an uprising, the Boers have been letting the Basutos cross the river into Basutoland. The natives, however, continued to complain that they were being robbed of their savings by the authorities. There is no disguising from the natives that the British suffered a reverse at Ladysmith. It has been explained to the Europeans as a mere incident of the war, and they are regarding it as insignificant.

BOERS CLAIM VICTORY.
"It was thought better that everybody should know the truth," the dispatch adds, "and not follow the Republic's methods" of concealing reverses both from the Europeans and Basutos who have implicit faith in the Imperial government.

The reverse of the Free State forces October 27th is claimed by the Boers to have been a brilliant Boer victory, and they say that at Elandslaagte the British fled and that at Ladysmith the Boers retired because they had expended their ammunition.

The Boers a few days ago captured the Boer force and that certain documents were found on his body.

Certain residents of Colenso are freely communicating with the Boer force across the river.

A GREAT LOSS.
Mr. Wallerstein said that the matter had been so thoroughly discussed he did not think it worth while to take up time with further remarks on the subject. A matter had been brought to his attention, however, which he wished to point out. During the past three months the oil purchased for the Gas Works had cost the city \$5.50 more than for the same period last year. The reason he assigned was the inability to use other than one quality of oil. With the improvements crude oil, which could be bought from competing concerns, could be obtained at a relatively, as well as actually, smaller price. In the oil bill alone, he said, improvements asked for could be made to pay for itself in a comparatively short time.

The appropriation was made by the Council by a vote of 20 to 6. The Marshall Ward delegation, with the exception of Mr. Garber, who was absent, voted solidly against the appropriation. This was the vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Blanks, Bloomberg, Camp, Ebel, Gibson, Gunst, Hecke, Hobson, McCarty, Miner, Neale, Peters, Pollock, Shea, Tanner, Teeley, Wallerstein, Williams, Winston and President Caske. Nays—Messrs. Curtis, Ferguson, Grimes, Harrelson, West and Woody—6.

DECIDED NOT TO WALK.
Invitations to the Council to participate in the parade and unveiling of the Winfield Davis monument next Thursday were received and formally accepted on motion of Mr. Bloomberg, who stipulated that the members should go on foot.

Later in the evening Mr. Curtis moved that carriages be furnished, and that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Council. The motion was adopted, Messrs. Pollock and Harrelson voting in the negative.

President Caske announced that he had appointed a committee to go to Washington and present the resolutions recently adopted with reference to the improvement of James river, these gentlemen: Messrs. Curtis, Harrelson, Ebel, McCarty, Bloomberg, Gibson and Peters.

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APPROPRIATION FOR GAS WORKS

The Council Votes \$21,500 for the Improvements

IMPRESSIVE FIGURES

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CHANGED MIND ABOUT WALKING

The Council Will Attend the Exercises Next Thursday in Carriages—Restrictions to Be Imposed on Those Erecting Grand Stands—Two Sewers to Be Built.

An appropriation of \$21,500 was voted for the improvement of the City Gas Works at the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council last evening. The Council resolved to attend the Winfield Davis monument unveiling on foot, but later decided not to walk, but to go in carriages.

The members present were the president, Mr. Caske, and Messrs. Blanks, Bloomberg, Camp, Curtis, Ebel, Ferguson, Gibson, Grimes, Gunst, Harrelson, Hobson, McCarty, Miner, Peters, Pollock, Shea, Tanner, Teeley, Wallerstein, West, Woody, Neale and Williams.

THE GAS WORKS.
Mr. Wallerstein reported from the

Committee on Light, of which he is chairman, a resolution to appropriate to the Gas Works' pay-roll account, \$2,000 to coal and oil, \$2,500 to extension, \$1,500 to the city in the power, and had raised the price on the only kind of oil which could be used at the plant. If the machinery asked for had been given by the Council, crude oil could have been used at the works, and the city have been out of the clutches of the Standard Oil Company.

A large part of the extension fund asked for was made necessary by the greater demand for gas. For several years the practice had been to remove gas meters from unused houses to other houses. The few unused buildings now have made necessary the purchase of new meters, and more money must be obtained for their purchase.

The resolution went to the Finance Committee.

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